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John Kraljevich Awarded ANA's Numismatist of the Year Award

Friday, July 22, 2016—John Kraljevich is the 2016 recipient of the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) Numismatist of the Year Award. The award honors an individual within the numismatic community who has demonstrated long-term leadership in the field and to the Association. He will be presented with the award on Friday, August 12, during the awards banquet at the World's Fair of Money in Anaheim.

For over a decade, John has been a popular instructor on Early American numismatics at the ANA's annual Summer Seminar. A regular columnist in the Association's journal, *The Numismatist*, and the national hobby publication, *Coin World*, he has been honored for his research and writing by the ANA and the Numismatic Literary Guild (NLG). John's *Coin World* column is now in its ninth year.

"As grateful and flattered as I am to receive this award, my career has been as much a product of the support of the ANA and the numismatic community as it has been anything I've done," said John. "I started out as a kid with a great deal of passion and curiosity about numismatics, both of which were stoked at the ANA Summer Seminars, by dealers, member clubs, and collectors involved with ANA shows. My excitement for our hobby and field of study is my own, but everything I've learned came from somewhere else. It's been a high honor to be treated so well by so many."

John has received many awards for his contributions to the hobby, some of which include the ANA's Young Numismatist (YN) of the Year (1993), Heath Literary Award (2002), Glenn Smedley Award (2011), and the Association's Honorary Doctorate in Numismatics (2015). John is also a recipient of multiple NLG awards for "Best Column" in a large publication (2004), (2006), and (2011).

At ANA conventions, John regularly serves as an exhibit judge. He is also a frequent lecturer at the Association's annual conventions, Early American Coppers conventions, and local coin clubs. John has served on several ANA committees, including the Museum Committee and the YN Committee.

Today, his advice on authenticity, appraisal and historical context on a wide variety of early American and exonomic issues is in high demand from collectors and advanced



professionals alike. His counsel has been sought by institutions such as the Smithsonian Institution, Colonial Williamsburg, the Massachusetts Historical Society, Monticello, and many others.

John's impressive record of achievements, his writing and research skills, integrity, and professionalism continue to raise the standard in numismatics. The American Numismatic Association is all the richer in having John as a dedicated member and supporter.

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of coins and related items. The ANA helps its nearly 25,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of educational and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications, and conventions. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit www.money.org.